

to the International Preliminary Examination Report.

Please add the following new claims:

11. (New) A method for storing and playing back a message via an electrical device, the electrical device including a record/read unit for a chip card, the method comprising the steps of:

inputting acoustically the message via at least one of a microphone, a radio receiver and a cassette deck;

digitizing the inputted message via a voice module;

storing the digitized message in a memory module of the chip card, the chip card being introduced into the record/read unit; and

outputting from the memory module of the chip card at least one of (A) the stored message upon request automatically after the electrical device is powered up and (B) the stored message upon request in a user-initiated fashion.

12. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the electrical device is an automobile radio device.

13. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the step of outputting includes the step of outputting acoustically.

14. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the step of outputting includes the step of outputting via a display.

15. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the step of outputting includes the step of playing back the message via the electrical device.

16. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the step of outputting includes the step of playing back the message via a second device.

17. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the step of outputting includes the step of playing back the message via a display.

18. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the step of outputting includes the step of playing back the message via a voice output.

19. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein a length of the message depends on a memory capacity of the chip card.

20. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the step of inputting includes the step of displaying remaining free memory space in the memory module of the chip card.

21. (New) An electrical device, comprising:  
a record/read unit for a chip card;  
an input device for inputting an acoustic message;  
a voice module for digitizing the acoustic message; and  
a control system, the control system storing the digitized message in a memory module of the chip card, the chip card being inserted into the record/read unit, the record/read unit outputting the stored message when at least one of (A) the electrical device is powered up and (B) a user-initiation commences.

22. (New) The electrical device according to claim 21, wherein the electrical device is an automobile radio device.

23. (New) The electrical device according to claim 21, wherein the input device includes at least one of a microphone, a radio receiver, and a cassette deck.

24. (New) The electrical device according to claim 21, wherein the record/read unit outputs the stored message acoustically.

25. (New) The electrical device according to claim 21, wherein the record/read unit outputs the stored message via a display.

sub B3 } 26. (New) The electrical device according to claim 21, wherein the input device includes circuitry, the circuitry being adapted to allow an audio input via multiple input devices.

G 27. (New) The electrical device according to claim 26, wherein the multiple input devices include at least one of a microphone, a radio receiver, and a cassette deck.

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sub B4 } 28. (New) An automobile radio device, comprising:  
a record/read unit for a chip card;  
a display;  
an input device for inputting an acoustic message;  
a voice module for digitizing the acoustic message; and  
a control system including a microprocessor, the microprocessor storing the digitized message in a memory module of the chip card, the chip card being inserted into the record/read unit, the control system accommodating a voice output of the stored message, the record/read unit outputting the stored message via the display when at least one of (A) the automobile radio device is powered up and (B) a user-initiation commences.

29. (New) The automobile radio device according to claim 28, wherein the input device includes circuitry, the circuitry being adapted to allow an audio input via multiple input devices.

30. (New) The automobile radio device according to claim 29, wherein the multiple input devices include at least one of a microphone, a radio receiver, and a cassette deck.